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Hinulugang Taktak gets a ₱100-M makeover

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

EFREN VILLON REMEMBERS IT well—children playing as their mothers rinse the laundry upstream, various kinds of fish visible in the water so clear that even the colors of fluttering butterflies are reflected on the surface.

Sadly, that idyllic scene is no more. Now, all that Villon's grandchildren get to see of the famous Hinulugang Taktak in Antipolo City just 30 minutes away from Metro Manila is dirty water and scattered garbage.

HINULUGANG/A15

THIS VIEW OF Hinulugang Taktak appears to hew to fond recollections of the famous waterfall visited by such luminaries as national hero Jose P. Rizal. But a photograph on Page A15 presents an entirely different perspective. —INQUIRER

Palace: Neri's on his own

Time to tell the truth now, bishop urges ex-Neda chief

By TJ Burgonio and Norman Bordadora

ROMULO NERI HAS TO DEAL ON HIS OWN WITH THE charges he is facing in connection with the scuttled $329-million National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp.

Malacañang will comply with the Office of the Ombudsman's recommendation to charge Neri with graft and suspend him for six months once its resolution becomes "final and executory," Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said yesterday over radio dzBB.

On the phone with the Inquirer, Secretary Raul Gonzalez, President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief legal counsel, said Malacañang should let Neri and even former Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. handle their own defense.

"Malacañang should not appear to be so protective of these people because it might appear that it wants to cover up something," the former justice secretary said.

Gonzalez also said Neri should initiate his own legal action in response to the Ombudsman resolution, and not wait for instruction or help from the Palace.

"He should paddle his own canoe. It's not good for him to depend on Malacañang. He should make the necessary action to defend himself by his own capacity. He can get a lawyer," Gonzalez said. "He should defend himself in the same way that Abalos should defend himself."

Malacañang displayed its hands-off stance toward Neri, now the president

PALACE/A6

WHAT'S INSIDE

RM Award for China's water guardians

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

TWO CHINESE ACTIVISTS WHO have literally immersed themselves in turbulent waters are among this year's six Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation awardees.

Working separately and through different means, Ma Jun and Yu Xiaogang have devoted their lives to reversing the threat to China's water systems, for many the source of life and livelihood.

Ma, 41, a former journalist, is being honored by the RMAF for "harnessing the technology and power of information to address China's water crisis, and mobilizing pragmatic, multisectoral and collaborative efforts to ensure sustainable benefits for China's environment and society."

Yu, 58, is being recognized "for fusing the knowledge and tools of social science with a deep sense of social justice, in assisting dam-affected communities in China to shape the development projects that impact their natural environment and their lives."

As a Beijing-based journalist working with Hong Kong's South China Morning Post, Ma Jun traveled extensively around China and saw how the country's vaunted economic boom was threatening to destroy its water systems. He witnessed the torrential floods caused by the overflowing of the Yangtze River and other catastrophes.

Ma used his pen to raise the

RM AWARD/A6



CALL TO ARMS China's Ma Jun takes a tour of the Pasig River, which is close to death due to pollution. —INQUIRER

What's driving Chiz? Fear of ending up like an old pol

By Philip C. Tubeza

TRUST A POLITICIAN TO TURN A public confession of mock-vulnerability into a vainglorious exercise.

In a recent town hall meeting at a residential enclave in Pasig, Sen. Francis Escudero confessed to a fear that he says is partly driving him to consider taking a shot at the presidency in next year's elections.

Escudero, who turns just 40 on Oct. 10, said he wants to run for President at a very young age because he is concerned that if he did so when he is older he might by then be thinking and acting like the veteran wheeler-dealer politicians.

"Will we be better off or worse when we are older? I'm afraid that I might end up like them," he said.

Escudero said that the youth's role in reforming the country does not lie in the distant future but in the here and now.

He quoted US President John F. Kennedy on why he was running for President at 43: "We are given the chance not because of who and what we are at present but because of what we can do together in the future."

"The youth may have their handicaps or shortcomings, but I hope the older generations do not look down on them in the same way that we do not question your capabilities," he said.

"Let the young and the old work together and not just have only the older ones serve in government while the youth are left waiting for their turn when they grow old," Escudero said.

The senator was mostly talking to people his own age who made up the

WHAT'S DRIVING/A6

Dinner of a lifetime: Top chefs whip up recipe for RP education

By Philip C. Tubeza

THERE ARE DINNERS AND there are dinners.

But if it's for the undeniably worthy cause of saving the sinking ship that is Philippine education, who's to say that people are indulging in extravagance, as in a certain infamous New York dinner which may or may not have been paid for by a very elusive Leyte congressman.

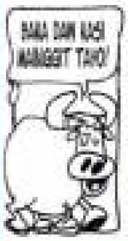
The country's captains of industry are organizing next month a dinner that promises to be every bit as grand and as expensive as the Le Cirque one. It is being put together by four of the Philippines' best chefs and is already being touted as "the social event of the year" and a "dinner of a lifetime."

The event, called Chefs for Education (C4E), is aimed at raising funds for scholarships to entice the "best and brightest" of the country's high school graduates to pursue a career in teaching, said businessman Ramon del Rosario Jr., chair of Philippine Business for Education (PBEd).

"It's designed to increase awareness about the trends and problems of Philippine education and in particular the need to have more teachers," said Del Rosario.

Invited guests will be paying up to ₱100,000 per table to par-

DINNER/A15



Stung by dinner flak, Palace now mum on GMA trips

By TJ Burgonio

AFTER DRAWING FLAK FOR President Macapagal-Arroyo's expensive dinners in the United States, Malacañang is now mum on her upcoming forays abroad.

New her spokespersons are deferring to the Department of Foreign Affairs to announce

STUNG/A15

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FRONTPAGE

WEATHER FORECAST

SC didn't censure me–Miriam

By Michael Lim Ubac

SEN. MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO SAID YESTERDAY she was not censured by the high tribunal for calling it a "Supreme Court of idiots."

Another environment

Crossed the limits

Noli flattered by GMA's invite but won't take bait

By Cynthia D. Balana

'No one knows'

Won't ruin friendship



Christian, Muslim troops fast together on Ramadan







Shut dumps before cleaning Manila Bay, gov't told

SUPERMALLS

SM Supermalls celebrates International Breastfeeding Month this August by rolling out Breastfeeding Stations nationwide.





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LET'S DO OUR SHARE



GUARDIAN OF THE WATER OF LIFE Ma Jun takes another view of the Pasig.

RM Award for China's water guardians

Water pollution map

Factory of the world

81,000 dams

Dams for whom?

Dam project scrapped

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'Continue fighting'

'Truth will come out'

Senate invites Mike Arroyo, Cabinet execs

By Michael Lim Ubac

Neri not coming

What's driving Chiz? Fear of ending up like an old pol



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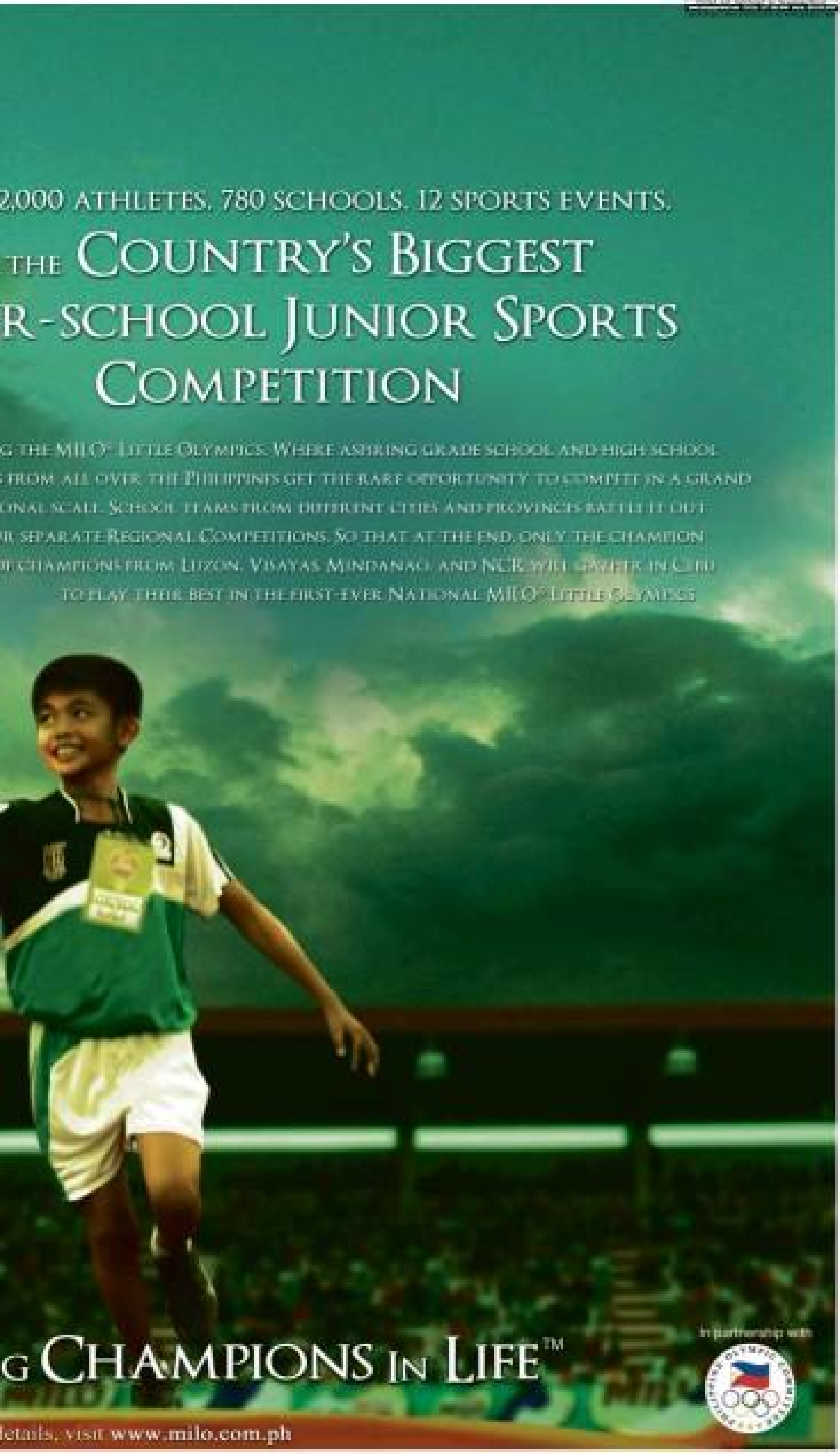
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Isagani A. Cruz

From the heart

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Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

Whenever we speak to God, we must speak with the heart because prayer is a heart-to-heart moment with God

Cory's special affection for teachers

WITH DUE RESPECT



Artemio V. Panganiban

The Aquino son

METHOD TO MADNESS



Patricia Evangelista

Treat yourself to 'Kimmy Dora'

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Let Afghans lead Afghan reform

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Jamie F. Metzl and C. Christine Fair

Project Syndicate

THEY SAID

No compassion

Honoring Cory

TALK of the TOWN

Why we are where we are

By Rigoberto D. Tiglao

Western Europe

Great divergence

Colonialism

Insurgencies

Recent factors

Universal tools

Perfect storms

Plaza Miranda bombing

Martial law

Debt default

Electricity crisis, Pinatubo

Wakasugi kidnapping

Inherent chatter

Young nation

Chart 2: The Philippines' perfect storms



How RP administrations fared: Average growth rates (in percent)

Administration	GDP	Inflation	Peso Depreciation	Cost of Money*
Marcos martial law (1973-1985)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corazon Aquino (1986-1991)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fidel Ramos (1992-1997)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Joseph Estrada (1998-2000)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2001-2008)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RP has turned the corner

Chart 1: The great divergence GDP per capita: 1820-1940

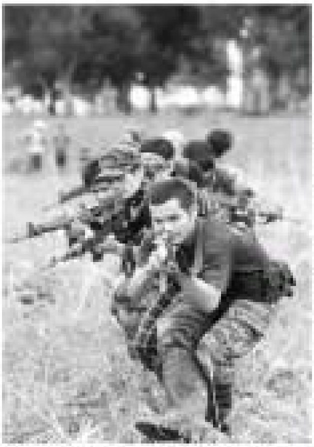


Rigoberto Tiglao

Across the NATION

No declaration in Pangasinan, but Escudero sortie presidential

Misuari wants Malaysia out of talks



SEPARATIST Moro guerrillas perform drills July 31 in their camp in Maguindanao.

ZAMBOANGA CITY—MORO LEADER NUR MISuari on Friday said Malaysia should not be given any role, much more allowed to act as mediator, in talks between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

NEWSBRIEFS

■ BAGUIO CITY

Balao still missing

■ LEGAZPI CITY

Army claims win vs rebs

■ BAYAWAN CITY

Landfill open soon

Landbank Visayas loans reach P5B



CAMSUR WIN

INQUIRER Mindanao

Free books bring fun, hope to Sulu teachers



SULU school teachers find themselves amid piles and piles of books donated by the Brothers' Brother Foundation at a book fair organized by USAID.

By Julie S. Alipala

THE ARRAY OF COLORFUL hardbound books excited Nurshida Paraman, teacher-in-charge of the Lingapo Elementary School in Omar town in Sulu.

[illegible]

Learning English

[illegible]

Donations

[illegible]

Little gov't support

[illegible]

Reference materials

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Dinner of a lifetime: Top chefs whip up recipe for RP education

News

Blackwater training mercenaries in Subic–report

By [illegible]

AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT CIRCULATING ONline said the American military contractor Blackwater was training "mercenaries" of various nationalities, including Filipinos, at the Subic free port in Olongapo City.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Administrator Armand Arreza, however, quickly denied the story.

In a video story posted Aug. 26 on the Russia Today website, American investigative journalist Wayne Madsen claimed Satelles Solutions, a Blackwater subsidiary, was using a five-acre facility in the former United States naval base to train operatives for secret US-backed military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots.

Blackwater, founded by a former US Navy Seal in North Carolina, has been denounced in some US media as being America's "private army." It does jobs for the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Interviewed on Russia Today, Madsen asked: "Who gave them permission? Apparently it's against the Philippine Constitution to station foreign troops in the country ... somehow it was skirting around the Constitution of the Philippines. Obviously this is done with the permission of the president of the Philippines," Madsen said.

He claimed the country was now a "major operating base" for the Blackwater subsidiary.

Madsen alleged the Subic facility could train up to 1,000 operatives. He also claimed that other US companies linked to former US Vice President Dick Cheney had also opened a shooting range at the former Clark Air Base.

In 2007, Blackwater denied it was opening a facility in the Philippines. "We are no longer pursuing a facility in the Philippines," Anne Tyrrell, a company spokesperson, had said.

Madsen's report indicates the company went ahead using a subsidiary company.

In a phone interview with the Inquirer, Arreza denied Blackwater was maintaining any kind of facility in the SBMA.

"There is no facility for any military training by Blackwater or any such company," Arreza said.

The only facility for any kind of military-style training there is the Philippine National Police Leadership School, he said.

He admitted that Blackwater submitted a proposal to set up a training facility in Subic three years ago.

"But this request never materialized. We said is develop the SBMA for commercial and industrial uses. We felt that the request (of Blackwater) went against our charter."

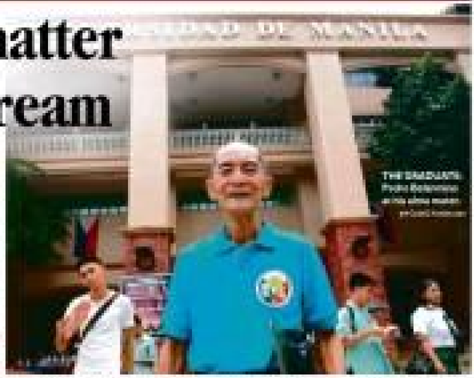
He also said he was willing to open the facility to inspection or investigation. "There are no restrictions here. Anyone can enter the SBMA."



A plus METRO
Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday

Age doesn't really matter in pursuing one's dream

By Tina G. Santos



THE GRADUATE: Pedro Belarmino at his alma mater.

FOR PEDRO Belarmino, it's never too late to pursue a dream.

His wish to earn a college diploma came true after 60 years.

"I feel very much fulfilled," Belarmino, who finished last year a degree in Bachelor of Science in Public Administration at the Universidad de Manila (formerly City College of Manila) at the age of 78.

He said he was very happy when his name—preceded with the remarks "the oldest student of UDM"—was called during the graduation ceremony held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City in March 2008.

"But I was more thrilled to see my fellow graduates and professors giving me a standing ovation," he shared. "I felt like I was floating on air ... it gave me a different high."

The first thing he did after his graduation was to go to the church for thanksgiving.

"I offered it (diploma) to Him. I believe it's all His will," a teary-eyed Belarmino narrated.

The only son of a laundrywoman from Cebu, Belarmino said he wanted to become a teacher when he was young. But his mother, who raised him singlehandedly, could not afford to put him through college.

"But I never stopped praying and hoping that one day I will have the opportunity to fulfill my dream of getting a college education," he told Inquirer.

Being an undergraduate, he lamented that he did not have the confidence to apply for higher positions or better-paying jobs. So when opportunity knocked in 2003, Belarmino readily grabbed it.



He said he was then accompanying his youngest daughter to CCM for enrollment when he got wind of the public administration course being offered for free as part of the school's special program.

Special program

According to Manuel Garcia, chair of the school's Bachelor of Science in Public Administration division, the special program, which started in 2003, was designed for government workers who have no baccalaureate degrees.

Belarmino served as a barangay official a few years after he retired as a laborer from the Manila Department of Social Welfare where he worked for 20 years.

"The special program's objective is to give government employees the opportunity for career growth," Garcia said, adding that the program follows the curriculum of the regular course.

"In the case of Mr. Belarmino, he said he just really wanted to finish college. He said that it has been his lifelong dream," Garcia said, adding that the students of the special program attend classes after office hours.

Except for some former officemates who thought he was too old to attend school, Belarmino said his family and friends were all supportive of his endeavor.

"I wanted to be an example to the youth and at the same time be a challenge to them—that if I can finish studies at my age, surely more that they can do it," he said.

"Studying is also a way of keeping my mind alive," said Belarmino, who said that if given the chance, he also wanted to keep himself abreast with the latest technology like learning how to use the computer.

'Kuya' to classmates

Belarmino's classmates were old enough to be his children.

"They called me 'Kuya' and they were all very nice to me," Belarmino said, adding that going to school made him feel many years younger.

"[illegible] pala ang feeling ng college, ang sarap, para akong bumalik sa kabataan ko. It feels great to be in college. I felt young again. And at the same time, I felt the respect," he said, smiling at the memory.

Acted differently

The father of five admitted that he was not the type to crack jokes or show affection at home, but he said he also wondered why he acted differently when he was in school.

"I'm really a serious person, but my classmates can make me laugh. I felt like we were all just of the same age," he said, chuckling.

"Sometimes, they would offer their assignments for me to copy. They were so nice to me, but I also did my own research. I did not want my professors to catch me copying, because at my age, it could have been very embarrassing," shared Belarmino, who took pride in saying that his lowest grade was 2.5 and that he got a flat 1 in his English subject.

His classmates, on the other hand, enjoyed Belarmino's company because he told them stories about the past and gave them advice on personal and professional aspects.

"He's like a father to us. He never missed class and is very hardworking and determined," Rogelio Tabing, a security guard at UDM, said of his former classmate.

Belarmino, whose hobbies include reading newspapers and keeping newspaper clippings, particularly articles about religion and the supernatural, said that sometimes he still thinks about becoming a teacher.

He, however, intends to coach not the young children but his contemporaries.

"If God will still give me the strength, I want to teach my fellow senior citizens [illegible] in particular laws that concern us," he said, adding that he used to conduct lectures on the family code and cooperative management in their community.

"I will want to be productive even at my age. Age should not stop us from achieving our goals," he added.



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GLOBAL Pinoy



Mayor left town for America



Good life



Goodbye to all that

Early years the hardest

Son also rises

Singer is LA competition champ, representing Saudi

Where it began

On stage with Hajji

Dad is coach

Back to school



The WORLD

Coroner: Jackson's death a homicide

LOS ANGELES—MICHAEL JACKSON'S DEATH HAS BEEN declared a homicide by Los Angeles coroners as they revealed the singer had a lethal cocktail of six different drugs in his body when he died.



Michael Jackson performing during a Victory Tour concert in Toronto on Oct. 5, 1984.

N. Korea arms headed to Iran seized in UAE



THAR SHE BLOWS

Space shuttle Discovery lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Aug. 28. Discovery and a crew of seven will deliver supplies and equipment to the International Space Station.

Obama, relatives to lay Sen. Ted Kennedy to rest

Afghan vote fraud claims pile up

Cops blew a chance on kidnapped girl



PHILLIP Greg Garrido during his arraignment in the El Dorado Superior Court in Placerville, California, on Aug. 28

Excitement Awaits

at SM City North Edsa

Fabulous and fun activities are in store for the whole family at SM North Edsa this September.

TheAnnex

2009 WORLD CUP OF POOL



Witness our very own Efren "Bata" Reyes, Django Bustamante & Ronnie Alcano battle it out with the world's top-ranked pool players from 32 countries, as they converge right smack in The Annex for the 2009 World Cup of Pool championships.

September 1-6
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September 4-6 / 10 am
The Block



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September 8-13
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GARY V. & MARTIN NIEVERA



As Gary V. & Martin Nievera gear up for their major concert, get a chance to meet and greet our country's top-calibre performers at the SkyDome as they give you a dose of what to expect at this year's once-in-a-lifetime OPM event.

September 4 / 4pm
Sky Dome



BAMBOO
with UP DHARMA DOWN

Rock out with Bamboo, the country's top rock supergroup, as they perform hit after hit, along with multi-awarded Up Dharma Down for a truly rare treat. Tickets are available at all SM Tickenet outlets.

September 12
Sky Dome



Calling all kids! Come dance, sing, and play-along with your friends from Hi-5! Straight out of your favorite Aussie TV show, direct to SM City North EDSA!

September 4 / 4 pm
The Block



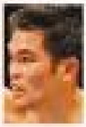
NBA ASIA CHALLENGE MALL TOUR

Wanna meet your favorite NBA legends? Head on over to The Block as the NBA Asia Challenge tour makes its stop with six-time MVP Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to meet and greet fans in Manila!

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Warriors nip Archers

UE boosts Final Four bid; FEU blasts UP



It's RP Patriots for Asean tilt

Viloria defends title today

Champ vows: I'll bring fight to challenger



Tianjin stint changed Japeth's mind?

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

NCAA ups . . .

Taguig rips Pampanga

HIGHLANDS CUP



M'la Southwoods completes WGAP-Luzvimin title double

SPORTSWATCH

Romero, Celestino prevail

Int'l Golf Show countdown

Recruits boost TRS-Ford Racing

Ateneo, La Salle reach SBP semifinals

Team Tagaytay starts strong; Dableo earns final GM result

Warriors nip Archers; Tams clip Maroons



Japeth insists he's joining Smart Gilas 5



Cycling holds third national team tryouts



Sunday SPORTS

Return World Cup trip for Que, Pucay

PETALING JAYA, MALAYSIA—Filipinos Angelo Que and Marc Pucay matched the 1-over-par 73 of their chief rivals from Singapore and easily qualified for their second straight Omega Mission Hills World Cup Saturday.

With a four-day total of 270 after earlier rounds of 60-73-70, Que and Pucay finished second by a stroke behind Singaporeans Mardan Mamat and Lam Chih Bing, who won the Asian qualifier in 2007.

Muhammad Shabbir and Muhammad Munir etched their names in the history books when they guided Pakistan to their first World Cup after finishing third at 274 after a 68 in the final round foursomes (alternate shot) at the Seri Selangor Golf Club.

A World Cup appearance continued to elude the Malaysian pair of Iain Steel and Danny Chia as they ended fourth, one behind the unheralded Pakistanis, after a closing 71.

Myanmar finished a further three strokes behind following a 76.


QUE

"It didn't matter if we finished first, second or third, it only mattered if we qualified for the World Cup. It was a relaxing feeling after nine holes," said Que, who finished tied for the top 10 at the World Cup with Pucay last year.

The Filipinos recovered from an early bogey with an eagle on the sixth hole before dropping shots again with double bogeys on the 10th and 18th holes.

"There was no pressure for us," said Pucay. "We just wanted to hit it on the fairway on every hole. And that's what we managed to achieve and we are happy and excited making it into the World Cup again."

Lam and Mardan secured their fourth World Cup appearance together. The two last qualified for the World Cup in 2006 at Bedfordshire and they were delighted to win again at the par-71 course.

"Two years now that we have played here and twice we've won it. Maybe this course likes us or we like the course. We kept our nerves very relaxed and that was the key. We managed to complete our mission and get ourselves into the top three," said Mardan, a double Asian Tour winner.

The Pakistanis mixed their card with four birdies against two bogeys. *Asian Tour News*

Bader leads Safeway tilt; J-Ro 4 down

NORTH PLAINS, OREGON—Beth Bader shot an 8-under 64 at the Safeway Classic on Friday to take a 1-stroke lead into the second round at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club.

Filipina Jennifer Rosales, meanwhile, submitted cards of 35-33 for a 68 that put her within four of the lead.

Bader's low score came early, before the winds picked up and she moved to one the course west of Portland. Anna Nordqvist and Seon Hwa Lee each had 65s.

Bader's round was her best since 2007. It was her best start in a tournament since the season-opening event in 2003.

"I had a great groove," she said. "It's nice to get off to a good start. I've had a tendency of not getting off to a very good start and I haven't been able to come back from that."

Defending champion Cristie Kerr fired a 69, playing in a group with Michelle Wie and Lorena Ochoa.

Kerr completed a chip shot from the rough on the 18th green to bogey her last hole of the day.

Ochoa finished with a 75, while Wie birdied the final hole to end with a 68.

Wie, playing in all of the holes on the tour for the first time this year, made a putt of some 30 feet for her birdie. AP

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Ms Universe leads a truly glamorous life

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Tireless volunteer





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SMART LINK ENABLES IPC TO REACH SEA-BASED MARKET

NEW JVC HD LCD MONITOR TARGETS DIGITAL SLR USERS



'The Builders' unveiled on Baguio centennial

SABATER 3RD RUNNER-UP



Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall's little stars shine big



Sango! opens at Power Plant Mall

Perfect pizza-pasta combination in 152 Pizza Hut restaurants

Principle-centered planning

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell



Four types of planning

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Dogs go gourmet





Merging heart and sole

Ms Universe leads...

More than just a roof



Sunday Biz

A big 'dream' come true

Couple translate love for food into resto



By Abigail L. Ho

AS WITH MOST BUSINESSES, OR any other venture for that matter, this one began with a dream. And what more fitting homage to what inspired this six-month-old restaurant than naming it precisely that—the dream.

O'sonho (o-son-yo), Portuguese for "the dream," is among the latest additions to the Jupiter Street restaurant strip in Makati City.

Owned and operated by the husband-and-wife tandem of Nik and Cris Ramirez, O'sonho is actually the only Portuguese restaurant in the country today.

"This is really our dream, from when we weren't married yet. We were together for eight years before we got married last year and we really enjoyed exploring different places to eat and trying different food. We both loved food trips," related Cris.

"But I never really pictured myself putting up a restaurant. I guess I acquired my husband's passion for it, and owning a restaurant eventually became my dream, too," she added.

Nik's family had been in the restaurant business for years, so it was only too logical that Nik and Cris also go the [illegible] way.

Love at first bite

She said it was food trips abroad, particularly to Australia and former Portuguese colony Macau, that made them decide on opening a Portuguese restaurant in Manila.

"We ate at one Portuguese restaurant on Darling Harbor, Sydney, and we really loved it. Portuguese is big in Australia. They even have a Portuguese fast-food chain. We wondered why there wasn't any Portuguese restaurant in Manila when the food was so good," she said.

"We also had really good Portuguese food in Macau. We just fell in love with Portuguese food, we found it really good. Since there were no Portuguese restaurants in Manila, we decided to open one," she added.

But instead of going straightforward Portuguese, O'sonho decided to do fusion, to give traditional Portuguese dishes the mark of O'sonho.

"We took Portuguese food and gave them a twist. Our chef specializes in Spanish and Portuguese cuisine. It took us around six months to find him, and we probably had to interview around 100 applicants," Cris said.

Long, tedious process

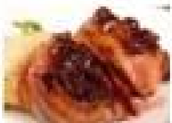
The process of finding the perfect chef was not the only difficult phase that O'sonho had to go through before finally opening, she recalled. Each dish on the restaurant's menu had to go through a long process before being offered to diners.

On the average, she said it took around two to three weeks—composed of five to six taste tests—to perfect just one dish.

"It's a long and tedious process, perfecting a dish. We really go through everything—the taste, the texture—until we come up with the best. Then, we list down all the ingredients that went into that one, [illegible]

➔ DREAM B5





AVOCADO cream salad (left); tenderloin steak (below)



CHORIZO rice

Dogs go gourmet

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

DON'T FEED YOUR DOG WHAT YOU won't feed your child.

In a country where many pet dogs' diet still consists of scrap and leftover food from the dinner table, it is essential to introduce to their owners the value of providing their beloved pets with a healthier and a more appropriate diet.

This was the idea behind Nature's Plan, the newest brand of pet food that promises to provide a "fully balanced" and "nutritionally complete" range of pet food.

"We should not wait for our dogs to get sick," said Alex Smalder, the brand's CEO. "Every day, we should strive to give them quality food that would ensure their proper growth, build their resistance, and improve their strength."

In the country recently to launch the new product, Hong Kong-based Smalder claimed that Nature's Plan was the "best possible food" a dog owner could feed his pet as it has no artificial flavor or fillers such as corn, wheat, and animal by-products that are hard to digest and are susceptible to bacteria.

"I strongly encourage pet owners to check the label of the foods they feed their pets," Smalder said. "There's no catch to Nature's Plan. It's a day-to-day diet fit for your dogs."

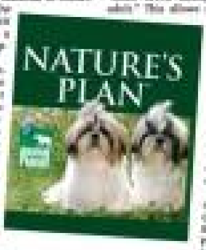
It doesn't matter what breed the dog is as the pet food comes in variants such as "small breed puppy," "large breed puppy," "small breed adult," and "large breed adult." This allows owners to feed their pets the right amount of nutrients to achieve optimum health.

According to Smalder, feeding Nature's Plan would give dogs a softer skin and a thicker coat, improved overall health, lean muscle mass and increased vitality, among many others.

"Most important of all, we guarantee your dogs would love it," Smalder said. Nature's Plan is so good even his 16-year-old daughter had tried eating it, he said in jest.

Launched earlier this month, the Philippines joins other Asian countries such as Japan (biggest market in the region), Singapore and Malaysia where Nature's Plan is distributed. It is also available in Europe and South America.

Nature's Plan is the first and only pet food in the global market endorsed by Animal Planet, the American cable television channel renowned for its engaging animal documentaries.





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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Nanay and me

Having a dog–or rather, learning from your dog–is a little piece of heaven

Contributor

WE CALL HER NANAY ("Mother"), the dog. We call her that even though her name is really Robyn. She's a black, mid-tall and happily fat female Labrador, with soft paws and a rather kindly looking face. She looks and feels—especially when you squeeze her for a hug—just like a cuddly bear.

She's all the more remarkable to me, especially since I didn't really want her in the first place. It wasn't because I don't love dogs. In fact, my relationships with four-legged creatures seem to have run on a much more even keel than any of my prior ones with human bipeds. It's just that when Nanay appeared in my life last January, my existing household of three female Labradors already seemed complete.

TIPA gives top prize to Nokia N86 8MP

In today's pixel-obsessed world, nothing comes close to the new Nokia N86 8MP-the latest model in town which features an 8-megapixel camera.

With so many social networking sites-one of the many venues where the clear and crisp pictures taken with the N86 8MP can be posted, any ordinary camera phone just won't do.



2009 AWARDS TIPA BEST MOBILE IMAGING DEVICE



Bagging the prestigious TIPA (Technical Image Press Association) Award for 2009's Best Mobile Imaging Device does say a lot about the quality of pictures this phone produces.

Photography addicts would have a field day with this one, for sure!

Here are the reasons why you should upgrade to this new Nokia device:

- Taking wide pictures of skylines and landscapes-even with your huge barkada-is no problem with the 8MP Carl Zeiss Vario Tessar wide-angle (28mm) lens feature of the N86 8MP

- "Stitching" pictures together with the panoramic mode allows users to capture even wider pictures

- Its new Automatic Motion Blur Reduction (AMBR) combined with fast (1/1000s) mechanical shutter lets users capture all the action even when the subject is moving

- Capturing all the drama is as easy as 1-2-3 with its large variable aperture (F2.4, F3.2 F4.8) even in the most challenging (extra bright or low light) conditions

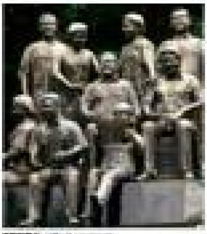
- With its built-in 8GB media-album, storing up to 4,000 photos is a walk in the park

- If 4,000 pictures in a mobile phone is not enough, the memory of the N86 8MP is expandable to up to 12,000 photos just by adding a 16GB microSD card

- Posting pictures instantly on your PC, web-album or social network like Ovi is a breeze via 3G, WLAN, or USB

- Viewing pictures on screen or on paper is a pleasure with its 2.6" 16M color display photo editor, geotagger and TV/Projector and printer connectivity feature

The Nokia N86 8MP is available nationwide in authorized Nokia Retailers. For more information, visit www.nokia.com.ph/N868MP.


ROCO family monument

On the 4th death anniversary of the senator, a memorial shrine is inaugurated on his Antipolo farm




BOOKS by the late statesman

Raul Roco reading center opens—a new weekend destination

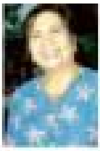
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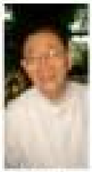

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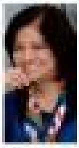
ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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To mark its 75th anniversary, the agency will host a one-day health mission all over the country





PCSO to host biggest health mission ever

Commemorative projects

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SAY HI TO HI -5 AT SM



Generation Sandbox

How to get your fill of free games, tunes and movie downloads with Smart Bro







'Nanay' and me

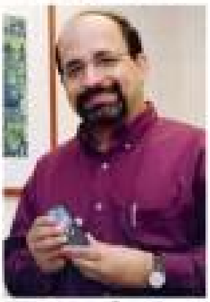


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Sunday LIFESTYLE

How lifestyle is shaping technology—and vice versa

'Understatement is a big statement… Technology must fuse seamlessly into people's lives'



NOKIA marketing head Sandeep Khanna and the 6700 Classic

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

MOBILE PHONE MANUfacturers are constantly upgrading devices to enable people "to experience a wide variety of features that complement their personalities and lifestyles," says Sandeep Khanna, Nokia Philippines marketing head.

"All handset brands, Nokia, in particular, are bringing technology that fuses seamlessly into people's lives. If you get them to do more with their device, they will stay loyal to you."

So how does Nokia make its hardware more attractive to consumers?

Khanna cites key trends:

• Smartphones or mobiles with IT features are the next big thing. Wide access to multimedia information is available on hand. Literally. "It's adding more function to a small device. The N97 has 32 gigs of storage. My laptop has 17 gigs," says Khanna.

According to the New York Times, "The great promise of a smartphone is that it can be just about anything you need it to be in a given moment."

• Traditional features are getting more sophisticated yet made accessible with lower price points. In the past, a 5-megapixel camera phone would fetch P35,000. Today, the popular Nokia 6700 classic offers this feature at P16,370. The mobiles are slowly replacing the MP3 player. The 6700 can store 225 songs using the +aac (high-efficiency advanced video coding) format.

But with its expandable memory of up to 8 gigabytes, it can store 2,000 songs. For the audiophile, the Nokia 5130 XpressMusic stores 750 songs and is priced at P5,840.

• Materials are getting more refined. The new phones are made of high-tech materials such as carbon fiber, titanium and burnished steel, which lend lightness, durability and elegance to the product.

With its constant evolution, Nokia is also blurring the lines between manufacturing handphones and providing mobile data services. Ovi.com, the Finnish word for "portal," is going the way of Microsoft, Apple and Google.

"It is our door to the Internet. Through this way we will bring a range of services and solutions to the Philippines—e-mail, maps, games and music. It will consist of a fairly rounded repertoire of services that people need today," says Khanna.

The local launch is still under wraps. However, you can check out www.ovi.com and even open a free e-mail account with 1 gigabyte of storage.

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Naga celebrates feast of Peñafrancia

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang



Fiesta theme

'Ina' in Macau

Holy Cross relic

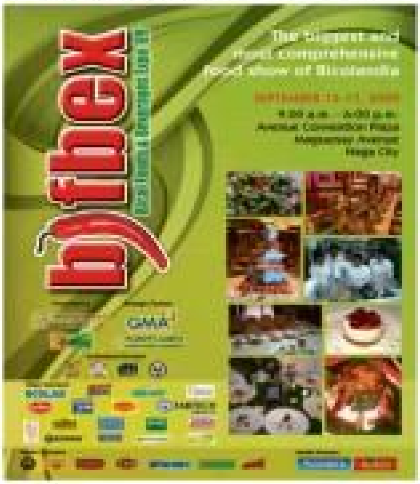
Triduum of Masses



> Only men are allowed to follow the line holding on to the rope of the 'carroza'

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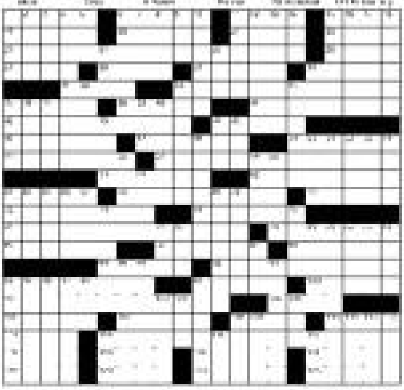
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

THREE-SIDED



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'Buy 1, take 1' airline promo



How lifestyle is shaping technology—and vice versa

Some of the women and men in the forthcoming photo exhibit 'The Look of Style'



Angel Aquino, 36
Actress, TV host and model, mother of Iana, 15, and Pilar, 14

Pearl stud earrings are indispensable to me. They jazz up any outfit, and if you're already dressed up, they make you look really elegant... I would do yoga, before, but lately I haven't had the time. I just try to keep healthy with the food I eat. Beauty for me is more of a feeling than a visual experience. I think there are connected: wellness, beauty and happiness. Both of them are a product of each other.



Tweetie de Leon-Gonzalez
Jewelry designer of Ia Crystals, exporter of semiprecious jewelry, married to Juan Ramon Gonzalez, mother to Sabina, Lorenzo, Nicolas and Alfonso

Simple lines look more dramatic, and more sober! I'm no longer in the experimental stage of dressing, so I know what works for me. Sacred for me is my sunblock. Dieting for me is a don't. All-time relaxation after you return to your old eating habits and lifestyle. Happiness for me is a decision to not want more than what you have, but to instead appreciate what you've been handed. I'm most at peace in the arms of my husband and kids.

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New products

The marketing executive adds that Nokia will present new products that will enable users to open an e-mail account on the phone and access their e-mail in just three clicks. The range will be available from the lower and mid-range phones, which cost between P2,000 and P12,000.

"It's a very clear strategy for us to make e-mail accessible to the widest mass of users," he says. These features and services will segue well in remote areas where people don't own a computer or have access to an Internet café. (Users will pay for Internet charges.)

As added feature, Nokia owners can personalize their phones with the company's latest application outlet, the Ovi Store. Most of the apps are free of charge in the Philippine market, such as games and media entertainment.

Hizon points out the potential of Ovi Share. "You can upload photos and videos in an unlimited storage for free... More than just devices, we have to present services and solutions to people. That's the way to encourage usage [of Nokia], the way to build brand equity and live by our mission of connecting people."

Meanwhile, Nokia is strengthening ties to its market segment through the 6700 classic.

"At present, you need to go beyond the traditional feature-benefit type of communication. This audience requires a sensorial connection. This is where marketing is important. This segment leads to a fuller, richer and more well-rounded life. We need to be a part of that life," he adds.

Prestige events

Nokia recently tied up with a society magazine for the launch of its restaurant guide. An event highlights were a photo exhibit of foods by Alex Van Hagen, taken with the 6700c camera.

Nokia also collaborated with Inquirer Lifestyle and Look magazine for the Manila debut of Barcelona-based Filipino designer Leonardo Salinas.

On Sept. 7, Nokia, Inquirer and Look will hold a style photo exhibit at Ayala Museum. In October, Nokia and Inquirer Lifestyle will hold an art exhibit.

"Lifestyle trends are changing and you need to have your ear to the ground to see what's new. For example, co-existing 'branding' is what connects more with this market profile than the in-your-face branding. Understatement is a big statement by itself. Basically we live through the different facets of our consumers' lives. Fashion was the starting point.

"But it was also important to connect to other dimensions such as food and gourmet. The upcoming events are on home-style and art. We thought of presenting all of these in a well-rounded and cohesive way. Today, every brand likes to have a lifestyle dimension because people are realizing there is more to products than just features and benefits," explains Hizon.

"In Nokia, we live through our brand values and personality. We are very sociable, curious and authentic. These are our brand values. In the way we present ourselves, we stand out uniquely because we've always been a leader in the Philippines. The 6700 is essential and a piece of affordable luxury. Hence, the Lifestyle and Look event aims to present style as it's never been done before. It's all about the look and invoking the senses."



NOKIA 6700 Classic



Maritoni Rufino-Tordesillas, 48
Yoga and ballet teacher, married to Roque, mother to Ricardo, 23, and Bianca, 5

I hate dressing up for functions. I like to yoga clothes like this everyday. The last five years I've been in slippers... Women have so many roles, so the key is to balance it and not be overwhelmed by it. It's important to be centered, to have time for yourself, spiritual moments. I feel most beautiful on the outside when I feel most beautiful on the inside.



Jo Ann Bitagcol
Photographer, professional model

I only have one daily beauty requirement: cleansing and moisturizing. I can go bare without any makeup. I do my own manicure and pedicure. I look up to individuals who are well-mannered, and who have their own personal style. I'm most at peace when I am happy. Books like "Surprise" by Ziggy Jones inspire me.

Astrud Criselogo, 39
Designer, boutique proprietor, wife to lawyer Norman Criselogo, and mother to Jean Paul, 20, Julienne, 18, and Jose, 14

My style has always been eclectic—whatever's comfortable, a mishmash of everything! But as I get older, I noticed, I'm getting more minimalist. I admire it when a woman knows her priorities and pursues her dreams, and is strong for herself and her loved ones. I believe when you're in love you can do anything. It empowers you.





Piolo Pascual, 32
Actor

Usefulness or indispensable to my (laughs), to relax! I go for anything... depending on how formal the event is. I don't have any vanity routine. As in, I'm a very simple person. I wash my face in the morning and in the night. I also need six hours of sleep to recharge. That's how I relax. With the right frame of mind, I keep my life schedule and lifestyle light and simple. Life comes easier that way.



Mai Kaufman
Interior designer, owner of K.A.B.MA (Kaufman Action Bares Modern Antiques), designer and owner of baby clothing line The Story by Mai Kaufman

I go for comfortable yet chic, edgy but appropriate clothes. I like supporting Pinoy fashion. If there was only one beauty goal, as I would recommend, it would be a good moisturizer. It's a must for skin of any age. My attention to any type of mania is proper. I'm also at peace when I know that what I have been doing is right, and benefits other people.



Ballet Masterpiece

Lisa Macuja Celebrates with SM Supermalls

SM Malls have long been the premier destination malls in key cities of the Philippines. True to its promise of having it all for their shoppers, SM Malls have endless retail, dining, entertainment and leisure choices, as well as activity venues perfect for events that make the best of the arts accessible to Filipino shoppers.

This year, SM Malls will pay homage to one of the most prolific and respected artists of our generation—prima ballerina Lisa Macuja Elizalde—in a series of performances that will give audiences from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao a chance to celebrate with this brilliant performer 25 long years of exceptional artistry. SM Malls invite you to celebrate this significant occasion.

A Consummate Artist



Lisa Macuja-Elizalde graduated at the Vaganova Choreographic Institute at what was then the Leningrad, USSR and the first non-Soviet soloist to perform with the celebrated Kirov Ballet. She had since then embarked on an unparalleled career spanning 300 performances in over 83 countries in five continents.

At 45, Lisa is happily married and a doting mother to two beautiful children. But age has not stopped this consummate dancer from still pursuing further excellence in her craft and the promotion of ballet among her countrymen. Lisa is the principal artist, artistic director, teacher and company administrator of Ballet Manila, the country's foremost classical dance company. She is also a founding member and officer of Artists' Welfare Project, Inc., which aims to raise funds for health and retirement benefits of classical and independent artists.





Far left: Lisa as a precocious child photographed with her mother.

Left: The prima ballerina as a dancer of the world-famous Kirov Ballet.

Right: Prima ballerina Lisa Macuja-Elizalde is still in top form even at 45.



SM Shares Her Passion

Lisa's brainchild—Ballet Manila, the leading ballet company in the Philippines, where she is also principal artist, instructor, artistic director and company administrator.





Witness as Lisa, the tireless artist that she is, still dances with ardor and passion after 25 years—a characteristic that has made her an unmatched legend in her field.

Sharing the prima ballerina's passion on bringing the arts closer to the people, the SM Malls are proud to be part of these once-in-a-lifetime performances that will pay tribute to an outstanding Filipino artist.

SM Malls invite you to celebrate this significant occasion, which will formally open on August 30 at SM Mall of Asia. This opening presentation will be followed by performances at SM City Davao on September 4, SM City Cebu on September 5 and SM City Cagayan de Oro on September 6. Entrance is free. Celebrate the best of Filipino artistry with the Awesome SM Malls!

Ballet Masterpiece

Lisa Macuja

Lisa Macuja-Elizalde, the Philippines' very own prima ballerina, celebrates 25 years of a long and fruitful career in the arts at the SM Malls. Witness the timeless grace, intensity, passion, and dedication that has brought her to the pinnacle of her field in performances bound to take your breath away. Lisa's Ballet Masterpiece—a once-in-a-lifetime event that you should never miss.

Opening Performance
SM Mall of Asia August 30 6PM

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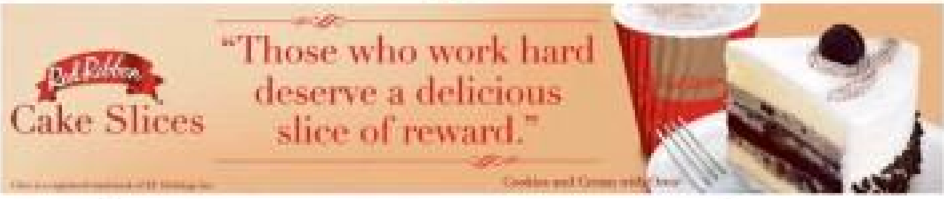
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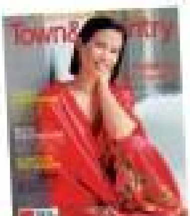
I want to enjoy the goodness life offers without the guilt of gaining weight

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes



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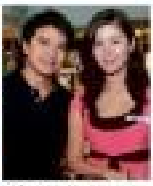

OUR HOME Prestige Card launch: Richard Tan, Bessie Mendoza, Tina Yap, Cora Rana, Lou Bagnos, Joy Lugtu, Bea Primero, Dianne Dy-Lim, Norman Tecson, Kara Lagunda, Irene Uy, Rome Cortes


LINENS Direct owner Diana Dy, Bea Primero and Bessie Dy of Digiworld

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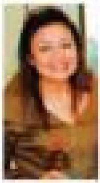

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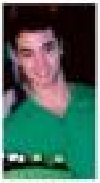

TV PERSONALITY and fashion designer Daphne Oseña-Paez with Diana Dy of Linens Direct

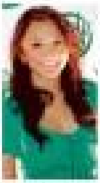

INTERIOR designer Michelle Barretto with photographer and friend Kenneth Ti


TESSA'S "House Life" co-hosts and fellow designers Tristan Jovellanos and Alexis Gonzales


COCA-COLA Company's commercial and franchise director Sean Easter


ANGELI Valenciano


MODEL Angelo Cacciatore


HOST Iya Villania

From page F1

In featuring Our Home, a one-stop, versatile, home furnishings shop. We covered the launch of the Our Home Prestige Card at the SM Megamall Atrium. At the event, all the interior designers and architects who attended were given the special cards that earn bonus points. To all designers out there, check out www.ourhome.ph for details.

Jointly launched was Our Home's 2009 Leather Collection. Three stylish displays were presented to the design audience. In my living room vignette, I used Metsumi three-seater and two-seater cream leather sofas, while my "House Life" co-host Marilen Montenegro did a dining room set-up using a very modern Pendleton dining set with sophisticated decor from Our Home.

Joy Ejercito of Philippine Institute of Interior Designers created a luxe living room vignette using black Aldo sofas and colorful accents. The launch was wonderfully filled with creative energy, from such guests as Daphne Oseña Paez of Linens Direct and "House Life" cast members Tristan Jovellanos and Alexis Gonzales.

One of our recently most watched episodes was our home makeover for Katrina Halili, with her new bed linens sponsored by Linens Direct owner Diana Dy. Diana is also the distributor of the happiest camcorder called Flip. It records up to 60 minutes and can be directly connected to a computer for instant sharing. The amazing gadget is handy, fun and easy to use even for techno challenged adults! Flip is available in photo shops and SM Appliance.

Father and son

If there is a celebrity figure that has transcended time and conquered so many challenges, that would be Gary Valenciano. Together with his son Gab, the energetic team now captures the true spirit of Real Leaf Green Tea, the latest addition of the refreshing beverages of Coca-Cola Company.

It was no puzzle that Real Leaf was launched at the Blue Leaf. TV host Iya Villania hosted the show, entitled "The Real Leaf Switch to 100%." Tea expert [illegible] So gave an enlightening illustration about the benefits of tea.

Brewed from high-quality, 100-percent whole green tea leaves, and naturally rich in antioxidants, Real Leaf Green Tea is surprisingly delicious and healthy. Coca-Cola's Christy Atienza and Sean Easter are so excited about Real Leaf, which has real honey to perk up its taste and health benefits. My favorite flavors are Honey Apple and Honey Lychee.

Health drink

Drinking more tea might just be what we need to stave off diseases like pneumonia. I just learned that this dread disease is the number one killer of children. According to the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, about 9,000 Filipino children die of pneumonia each year, which is sad because with early detection and appropriate medical care, these deaths can be avoided.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), University of the Philippines-Manila and Pharex Health Corporation recently launched the StoPneumonia Campaign, which looks like [illegible] silent anyway. Seriously though, StoPneumonia is a health awareness program to teach health workers and mothers about early detection and prevention of the disease.

At the launch, NIH and Pharex HealthCorp shared simple steps that could be lifesaving, such as monitoring breathing patterns in children. The campaign will also involve public workshops and distribution of informative literature.

Aside being a TV host, interior designer, and now an in-room Pinkbiz, I am firstly a wife and mother. So I am always concerned with the health and wellbeing of my children. I guess there's no better way to do that than to take advantage of holiday economics, so we are visiting breathtaking Subic Bay Ravenne Resort this long weekend. It will be great to be breathing the fresh air in the beach, although we will be sad to miss shopping at the Rockwell Urban Bazaar today. Life can truly be a box of chocolates, with so many choices.

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NICK Joaquin's typewriter

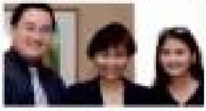

READER Jessie de Leon


EVENT host Ma Tolentino


NICK Joaquin's relatives Boy Villegas with Medlo Castañeda on harp


TONIRE Guillermo, Pharex HealthCorp national sales manager, and Dr. Zenaida Antonio, president, Philippine Academy of Family Physicians


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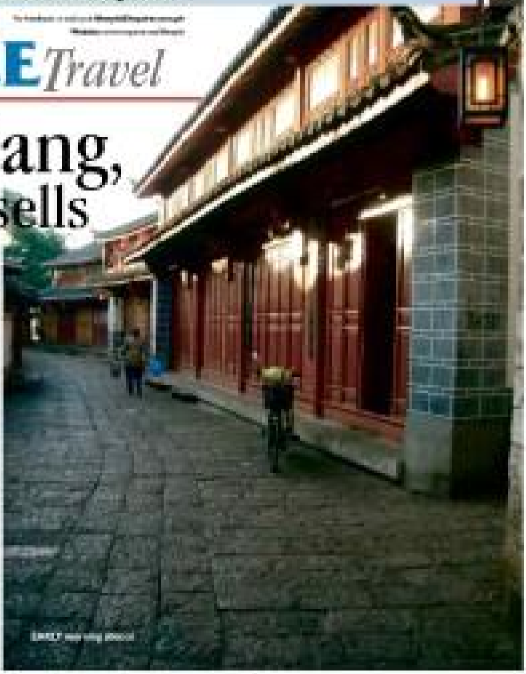
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Sunday LIFESTYLE Travel

In China's Lijiang, heritage tourism sells

But can it preserve the culture that put it on the Unesco list?





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CANALS bring fresh water to the town

By [illegible]
Contributor

THE LANDSCAPE IS ONE OF wonder. Arriving in Lijiang airport, you immediately sense that there is something different in the surrounding terrain. The mountains are snowcapped, even in summer, the vistas broader than one can imagine.

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In China's Lijiang . . .





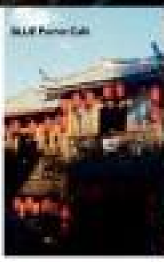




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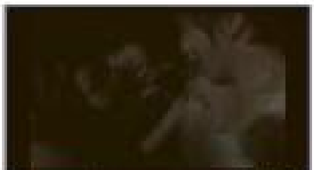
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Up in arms

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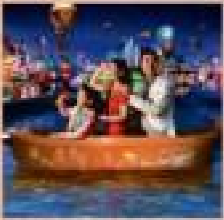




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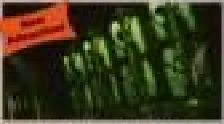
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High School Musical: Live!



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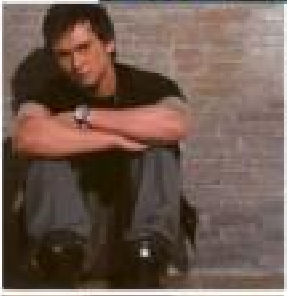


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ONLY THE BEST AT THE AYALA MALLS!





As Ayala Malls continues to provide a spectrum of retail and food establishments, convenient mall amenities and various activities for the whole family, it also brings the best of world class acts! Ayala Malls captures the hearts of its patrons and customers by making the world's best meet local's best. Manila welcomes popular sensational dance group Jabbawockeez with DJ Rashida to perform live along with our very own Billy Crawford live at the Ayala Malls!

Known for creativity, unique choreography, amateurism and intricate synchronization, Jabbawockeez is poised to change the way we see dance. With a mixture of street and theatrical elements, their performance displays a sweet fusion of raw emotions and graceful movements of the human body. Their white masks emphasize unison and synchronicity, a signature characteristic that adds a sense of mystique and wonder for the audience.

Since they entered MTV's America's Best Dance Crew back in 2007, they instantly received positive recognition. Subsequently, they set forth to win the $100,000 grand prize on the first season of the show, earning them an impressive resume that involves live performances alongside prominent musicians, international tours, commercial campaigns, and film. They recently campaigned for Gatorade and their "G" campaign spawning TV Ad's with Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan as well as viral videos throughout the internet. Furthermore, the group opened for the nationally televised NBA All-Star Game and performed with Shaquille O'Neal making national headlines.

Together with Jabbawockeez, another musical sensation drops by Manila to move the crowd with her heart-stopping beats-DJ Rashida. One of the most sought after female DJs in the world, she has been playing her signature fusion of hip-hop, pop, electro, rock, funk, soul, reggae and house around the globe in cities including London, Tokyo, Geneva, Antwerp, Sydney and Paris. Rashida is currently starring on MTV's America's Best Dance Crew, rocking the audience with her soulful beats.

A hit in Europe with more than two million records sold worldwide, international dance-pop sensation Billy Crawford is one of the rare homegrown artists whose world-class talent has catapulted him to global stardom. Awarded as the "International Male Artist of the Year" at the NRJ Music Awards in Cannes France back in 2003, beating the likes of Will Smith, Eminem and Robbie Williams, he gives platinum entertainment in both singing and dancing. His 2004 album "Big City" became a certified gold CD and has spawned the monster hit "Bright Lights." His current and fifth studio album "Groove" entices people of all ages with its re-work of classic hits from the 70's to the 80's.



Known to give one-of-a-kind activities, Ayala Malls brings international acts that surely provide exceptional entertainment to its customers. Boys Like Girls, Elliot Yamin, Metro Station, Michael Johns, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Secondhand Serenade and Vanessa Carlton are among the featured artists that Ayala Malls has brought to the Philippines.

Ayala Malls is indeed a step higher as it remains steadfast in redefining world-class entertainment. With exceptional artists from all over the world sharing skills with homegrown talents, one would definitely enjoy watching live acts at the Ayala Malls.

Catch the daring moves of Jabbawockeez, DJ Rashida and Billy Crawford live courtesy of the Ayala Malls on September 6, 6:00pm at Glorietta 4 Park, September 5, 6:00pm at Alabang Town Center Activity Center and September 4, 7:00pm at TriNoma Activity Center. Expect more fun and exciting activities as Ayala Malls continuously brings more international acts in the coming months!

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CAPARISPISAN, Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte

Pagudpud beyond the beach

FOR MOST PEOPLE, Pagudpud is Saud Beach, the Blue Lagoon and Patapat Viaduct. But the town has more to offer the intrepid traveler.

> 'Paksiw na baraniti,' beef 'kinilaw'—it has more to offer the intrepid traveler









Bonding in Brunei: 40 years in 4 days

A royal reunion for 5 golden girls reminiscing their golden years

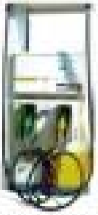




Final five

To be affluent

40 years in 4 days







Iloilo-Guimaras aims to become next investment hub

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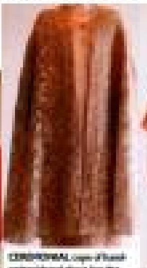
Filipino liturgical vestments find a home





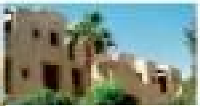








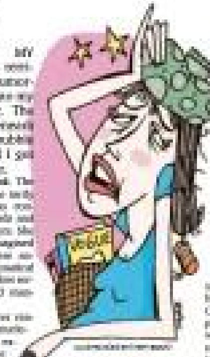
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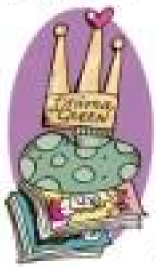
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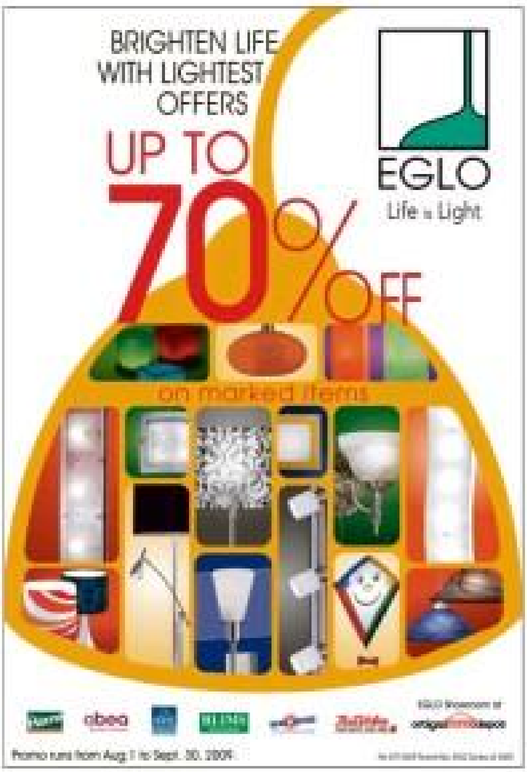
Drama queens at 50something



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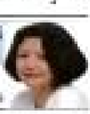


Quality offers for premium customers



My friend is having an affair with seminary rector

EMILY'S POST



Emily A. Marcelo

New insurance policyholders get free gift certificates from travel shop

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Torn between 2 gay managers

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House divided

Co-dependent studios

DID YOU KNOW...

Revillame's suspension extended

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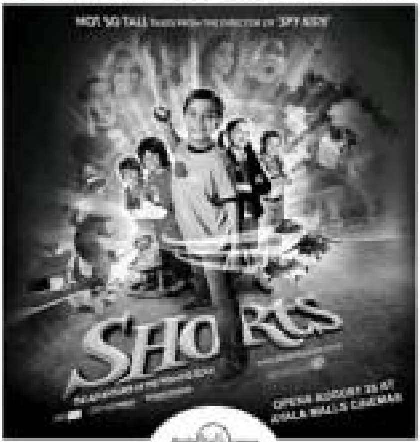
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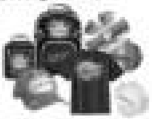


SHORTS

PICK-A-PRIZE

Watch SHORTS at Glorietta 4, Greenbelt 3, Alabang Town Center & TriNoma Cinemas on August 28-30, 2009 and get a chance to win special gift items:

- Frizbee Balls
- Baseball Caps
- Green Splat-T-shirts
- Autograph Poster
- Yo-yo's
- Backpacks with Lunchbags



EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

BIG SHOWS AT THE BIG DOME



Laptop-alooza

SHOP & DINE AT ARANETA CENTER TO WIN 1 OF 50 NEW TOSHIBA LAPTOPS!



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'Next Star' bares all

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Richard's new girl

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Top of the tabloids, TV talk shows

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ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMA MOVIE GUIDE

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6 UP

Torn between 2 gay managers





ENTERTAINMENT



Jack Black shows how comfortable he is in his skin



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LOS ANGELES—DON'T EVER ask Jack Black how comfortable he is in his own skin … or else he will take off his shirt and pants even during an interview. That's exactly what he did in a press con at The Ritz-Carlton New York in Central Park.

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

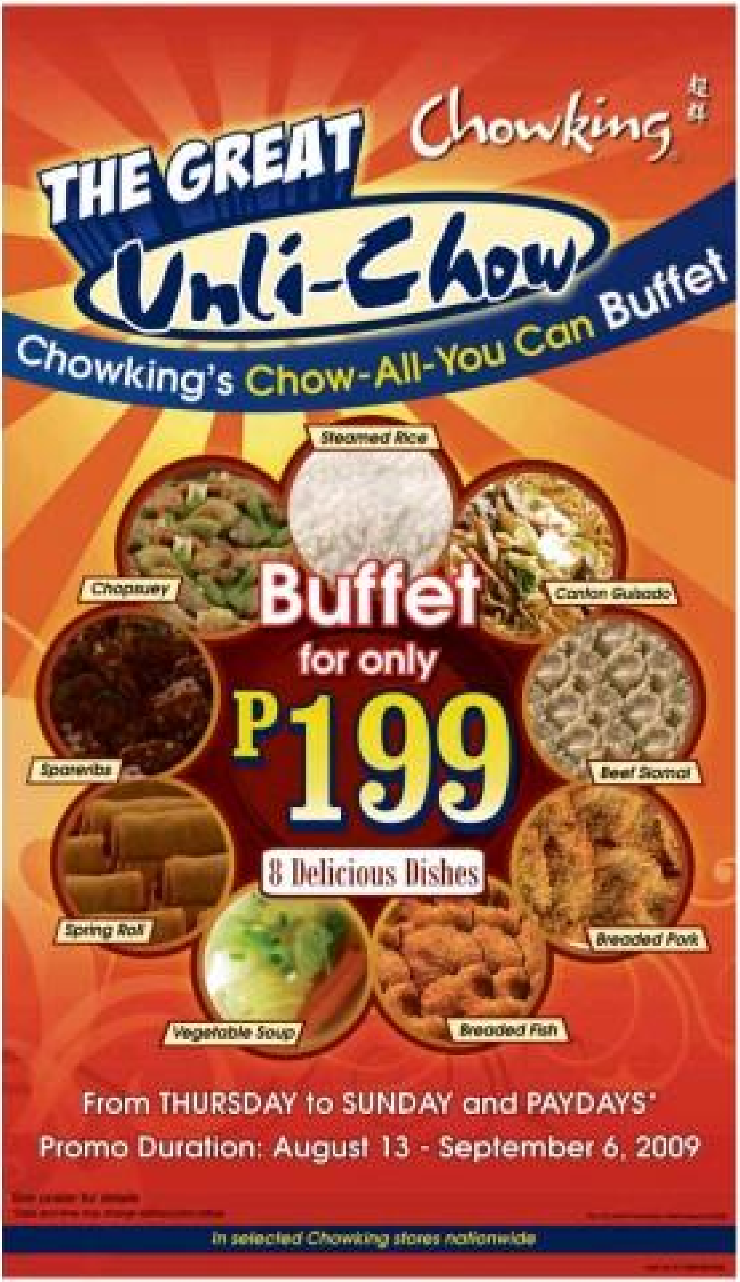


Ruben V. Nepales

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Down to his briefs

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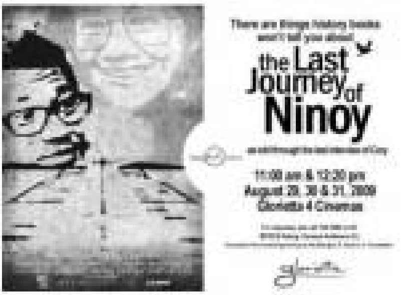


Jack Black shows how comfortable

If you watch any of his movies, you'll see him in underpants at some point

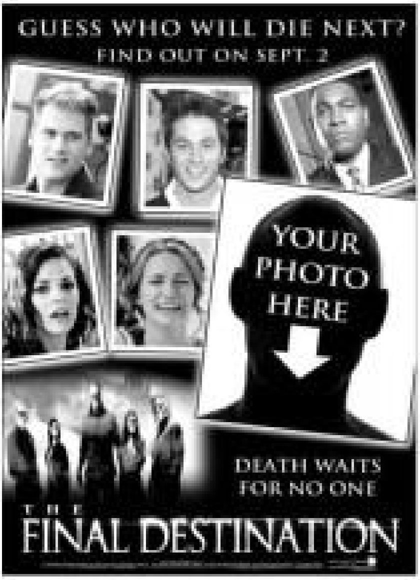














Incredible kid

Birthday boy

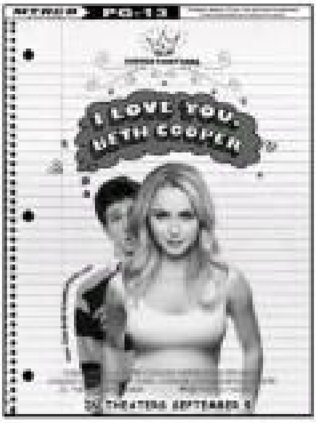
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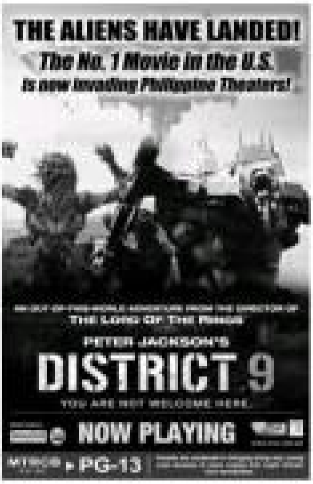

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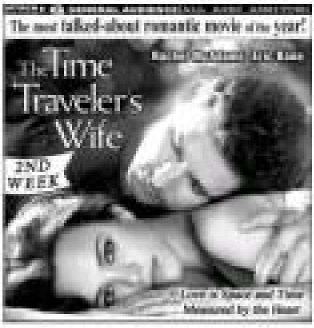

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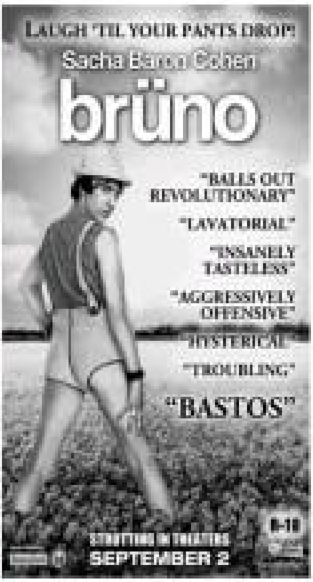

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THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED!
The No. 1 Movie in the U.S.
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THE LORD OF THE RINGS
PETER JACKSON'S
DISTRICT 9
YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE.
NOW PLAYING
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The most talked-about romantic movie of the year!
The Time Traveler's Wife
2ND WEEK


TIME
"UP" SOARS...ONE OF THE MOST SATISFYING MOVIE EXPERIENCES OF THE YEAR."
UP
Disney PIXAR
3D
NOW ON ITS 2ND WEEK


LAUGH 'TIL YOUR PANTS DROP!
Sacha Baron Cohen
brüno
"BALLS OUT REVOLUTIONARY"
"LAVATORIAL"
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"AGGRESSIVELY OFFENSIVE"
"HYSTERICAL"
"TROUBLING"
"BASTOS"
STARTING IN THEATERS
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ALL AGES ADMITTED
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ALIENS IN THE ATTIC
NOW ON ITS 2ND WEEK


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Luis denies breakup with Angel



LUIS Manzano and girlfriend Angel Locsin

By Marinel R. Cruz

LUIS MANZANO ON TUESDAY denied reports that he and girlfriend Angel Locsin have broken up and insisted that they are merely going through a "phase."

"In the beginning, we agreed to protect our relationship by keeping it private," the actor said during last week's press conference for his movie "In My Life." "It's only proper that we treat this phase the same way. I don't want to answer questions about Angel. What's between us is very personal."

Tabloid reports said Angel called it quits with Luis after he was romantically linked with actress Maxene Reyes. The actress denied this as well. He said all he knew about Maxene was that she was supposed to be his love-team partner in the defunct show "Flash Bomba." Maxene was replaced by Rhian Ramos.

"I've been hearing the weirdest stories," said Luis, who claimed to be in constant communication with Angel. "There's no third party—there never was."

Luis also clarified that Angel meant well when she praised Nora Aunor, screen rival of his mom Vilma Santos.

"I heard that Vilmanians felt bad because of a comment Angel made about Ms Nora Aunor when she did the remake of 'Bituin,'" he said. "When Angel said Ms Nora is a good actress, that did not mean she disrespected Mommy. Ms Nora is really good at what she does, even the Vilmanians know that."

Tabloids reported that Angel's absence from the TV special titled "Vilma: A Woman for All Seasons" also drew negative reactions from Vilmanians. Luis came to her defense, saying Angel is a professional and that she had reasons for turning down the project.

Luis plays the role of Mark in the Olivia Lamasan film "In My Life," written by Raymond Lee and Senedy Que, which premieres in local theaters on Sept. 16. Vilma is Shirley, mother of Mark, her estranged gay son who is suffering from colon cancer. John Lloyd Cruz is Noel, Mark's lover.

E-mail: mrcruz@inquirer.com.ph

Win free tickets to Lea Salonga concert

THE CONCERT "LEA SALONGA ... Your Songs"—scheduled on Dec. 11 and 12 at the PICC Plenary Hall—invites fans to send in their song requests for the show's repertoire. Log on to leasongs.com and send the requested tunes via e-mail or video.

Those who send the top three requested songs get a chance to win free concert tickets through a raffle. And those daring enough to send a one-minute video of themselves singing Lea's songs may actually get to sing with her onstage at the concert.

The concert features the ST. piece Filharmonika Orchestra with musical director Gerard Salonga conducting, guests Ai-Ai de las Alas, Richard Poon and the award-winning dance group Philippine All Stars. Bobby Garcia directs. Call 891-9999.

SHOW TIME

Ninoy musical

"Sa'n Si Ninoy," a musical about the martyred opposition leader Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. presented by the Philippine Stagers Foundation (PSF), goes on stage today at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. at SM North Edsa Cinema 9. Tickets are available at the theater booth.

